

THAT WONDERFUL WORLD OF KINDERGARTEN....



What does your child do all day?

Kindergarten children learn to discover and apply themselves, to follow directions, to express their ideas, to observe and to listen. The primary objective is to provide an atmosphere in which discovery is encouraged and where growth may occur as the child's development allows.

These experiences will be preparing your child for first grade. A child's success will also depend a great deal upon preparing to read.

During programmed play, children learn to function in groups, share toys and take care of possessions. Rhythmic and other physical activities help coordinate large body muscles. Through games, children learn fair play and differing roles of leader and follower.

Class discussions give children the opportunity to listen attentively, speak in sentences, and overcome shyness.

Gaining a background for beginning reading, children learn about the world around them—plants, animals, and people they meet.

Students have fun in group singing and in working with crayons and scissors.

Their daily routine includes word and number activities.



HERE ARE SOME SUGGESTIONS ON WORKING WITH YOUR CHILD...

1. Practice printing name
2. Practice printing capital and lower case letters
3. Help your child recognize capital and lower case letters
4. Review the phonic sounds of letters
5. Practice address
6. Practice phone number
7. Practice tying shoes
8. Practice zipping coat
9. Practice writing/knowing birthdate
10. Practice writing, counting, recognizing numbers 1 - 30
11. Recognize likeness and differences in pictures and words (i.e. was/saw)
12. Review rhyming words (hat, cat, sat...)
13. Practice cutting/ coloring
14. Read aloud to your child every day - let them read to you (they can make up words to go with the book)

ADDITIONAL WAYS YOU CAN HELP YOUR CHILD...

1. Take your child to the library.
2. Encourage child to draw pictures and talk about them.
3. Take your child on brief trips (walks, park, zoo, museums) to expand his/her experiences.
4. Make up sorting games to help him/her see likenesses and differences in shape, color, size, and texture.
5. Play word games and listening games.
6. Talk about selected TV programs you watch together.
7. Encourage your child to talk and listen carefully to what he/she has to say.
8. Help your child learn the names of objects and the words that describe them.
9. Visit your child's classroom often to learn about ways you can help.
10. Accept your child as an individual.
11. Give your child responsibilities (emptying the trash or setting the table).
12. Discipline your child and don't make false promises.
13. Teach your child to respect private property.
14. Teach your child to respect others.
15. Encourage good manners and a quiet speaking voice.
16. Teach your child to wait his/her turn to share.

